

Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Lafayette Inn

Stanardsville, Virginia

Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Green Lodging* encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. *Green Lodging* is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting The Lafayette Inn, you can expect the following practices:

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

- Optional Linen Service. Sheets and towels are not automatically changed every day during your stay.
 - Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
 - Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
 - Use linen service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning
- Recycling and Waste Reduction. Green Lodging Facilities must provide recycling. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to guests with clear signage. A general commitment to reducing total amount of waste should be made.
 - Recycle: Glass, Aluminum Cans, Grease, Office Paper, Toner Cartridges, Cardboard,
 - Fluorescent Lamps, Batteries, Electronics Equipment
 - Compost excess food waste
 - Track overall waste bills
 - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
 - Eliminate use of Styrofoam
 - Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
 - Disposable containers made from recycled content materials
 - Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
 - Use water pitchers that minimize use of single-use bottles
 - Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
 - Filtering grease
 - Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
 - Use two-sided copying and printing
 - Use electronic correspondence and forms
 - Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
 - Purchase durable furniture and equipment
 - Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
 - Use latex paint
 - Reuse/recycle/dispose of solvents properly
 - Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
 - Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
 - Use least toxic materials
 - Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides
- **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.
 - Track overall water usage and waste water
 - Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
 - High efficiency dishwashers
 - Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods

- Low flow toilets and low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan
- Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives.
 - Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
 - Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
 - Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
 - Individual thermostats in most rooms
 - Use natural lighting
- Green Events Package. The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

For more information on **The Lafayette Inn**, see www.thelafayette.com or contact Alan Pyles at alan@thelafayette.com.

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



Virginia Green Lodging program is a supporting partner of *Virginia Green*, the Commonwealth's campaign to encourage environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.





